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REFERENCE:

SOLID PROPELLANT PRODUCTION FACILITY
TAI-YUAN, CHINA

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL PROCESSING FACILITIES

WILL ENABLE THE PLANT TO INCREASE PRODUCTION.

2. LOCATION:

3.5 NM NNW OF TAI-YUAN AT 3759N-11232E.

3. REMARKS:

THIS FACILITY INCLUDES NITROGLYCERINE,

NITROCELLULOSE AND DOUBLE BASE PROCESSING LINES

SIMILAR TO THOSE AT THE SOLID PROPELLANT

FACILITIES IN THE USSR LOCATED AT BIYSK, PERM,

KRASNOYARSK, STERLITAMAK AND KAMENSK-SHAKHTINSKIY.

THE NEARLY OPERATIONAL STATUS OF THE SECOND

NITRATOR LINE WILL PRACTICALLY DOUBLE THE AMOUNT

OF PROPELLANT THE PLANT CAN PRODUCE. THE NEW

EXTRUSION AND GRAIN PROCESSING SITES WILL GREATLY

EXPAND THE FACILITY'S FINAL PRODUCT CAPABILITY.

4. COLLATERAL:

NONE

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5.	FIRST IDENTIFICATION:
6.	NEGATION DATE: NONE
7.	SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: KH-7, 14 KH-4,
8.	DIMENSIONS/ SPECIFICATIONS: NONE
9.	MISSION READOUT: A LARGE AND SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF CONSTRUCTION
	IS VISIBLE SINCE THE SECOND NITRATOR LINE APPEARS
	CLOSE TO BEING OPERATIONAL. CONSTRUCTION APPEARS TO BE AT A STANDSTILL
	ON THE THIRD NITRATOR LINE, POSSIBLY DUE TO THE HEAVY CONSTRUCTION
	GOING ON ELSEWHERE IN THE FACILITY. A NEW POSSIBLE NITROGLYCERINE
	RECOVERY UNIT OR SLUMPHOUSE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED DUE EAST OF THE SECOND
	NITRATOR LINE. DIRECTLY EAST OF THE THIRD NITRATOR LINE, 2 REVETTED
	PROBABLE EXTRUSION BUILDINGS APPEAR NEARLY COMPLETE. TWO MORE ARE IN
	THE MID-STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. THE PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED REVETTED STRUCTURE
	IN THE NE CORNER OF THE FACILITY APPEARS TO BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINAL
	GRAIN PROCESSING (I.E. GRAIN TRIM, SOLVENT, AND INHIBITOR APPLICATION).
	TWO NEW REVETTED STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED DUE NORTH OF THE GRAIN
	PROCESSING BUILDING. THESE BUILDINGS MAY SERVE AS STORAGE/PROCESSING
	SITES. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY, GRADING, AND TRENCHING, POSSIBLY FOR STEAM

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LINES, ARE IN EVIDENCE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE EAST END OF THE FACILITY.	

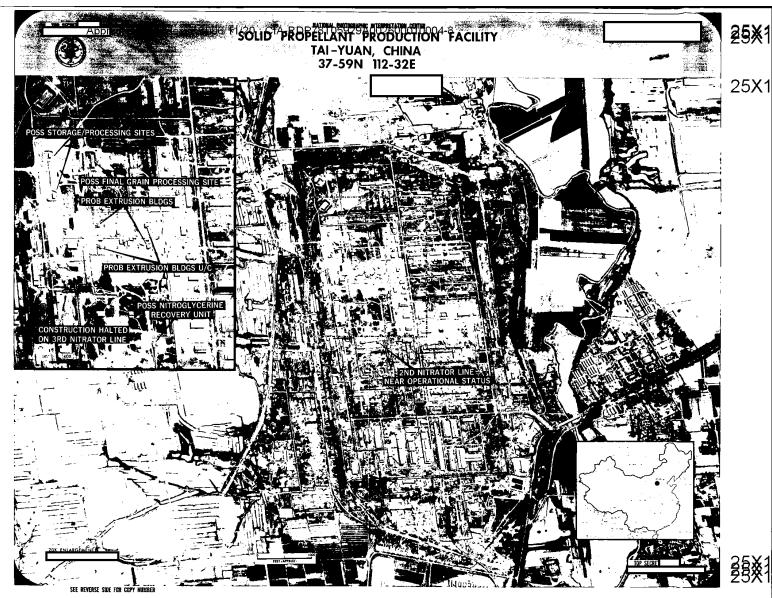
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